

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-202

Magi No. 2402025704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Harry Groton Office

2. Location

street & number 21 South Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state MD county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harry Groton, Esquire

street & number 21 South Main Street telephone no.: 641-3800

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house at 21 South Main Street is a 2½ story frame structure, one of three dwellings of similar scale and form situated across the street from Buckingham Presbyterian Church. The house, like its neighbors, is placed close to the street on a narrow parcel of land, the property is bordered on the Main Street front by a low stone wall, coursed, ashlar-faced block, undoubtedly dating from the construction of the previously-mentioned church.

The house is complex in form, with a hip roof having cross gables or a gable-roofed extension on all sides. Each gable pediment features bands of diamond and fishscale shingles. The principle facade (West) is three bays across, with the two bays on the right projecting forward under a cross gable featuring in addition to decorative shingles a 1/1 window flanked by diamond-paned, single sash. The entrance is in the left bay, while the second floor third bay contains a three-sectioned ribbon window with diamond panes. Windows throughout are 1/1 except for decorative windows noted. A verandah with simple Tuscan-style columns extends across the front, featuring a step-back on the left side and continuing around the north side to meet a three bay cut-away projection under a cross gable.

A large gable-roofed 2½ story extension on the rear extends the house to a six bay depth. The rear extension has single story hip roof additions on the north and east, with a single story porch across two bays on the south facade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The dwelling at 21 South Main Street was one of five houses of similar style, scale and placement, which were built on the east side of the street immediately south of Berlin's business district, probably as part of Berlin's considerable rebuilding after a disastrous fire in 1904. The house at 21 South Main Street is one of three remaining out of five. The structure is stylistically representative of many of Berlin's domestic structures, and makes an important contribution to the historic district both in style and location.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Page Hammond

organization Berlin Historic District Commission date November, 1985

street & number 313 South Main Street telephone 641-0773

city or town Berlin state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

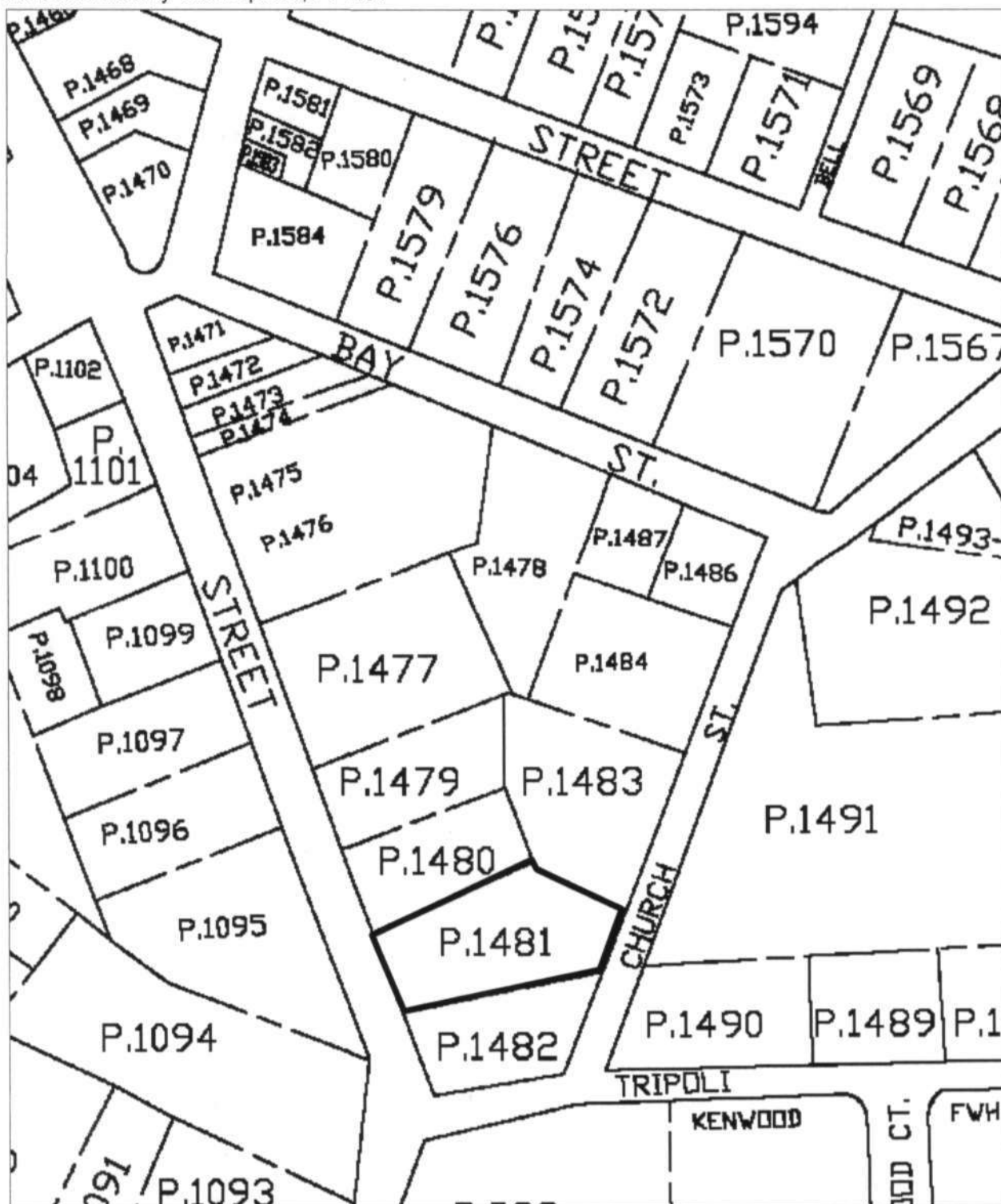
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Horace Davis House (Harry Groton Office)

21 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin

Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1481



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Berlin
Berlin Quad.
Worcester County

